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wherein the restriction has an inner diameter with a ratio of 0.8 or more and less than 1.0 to a diameter of the gasket, and wherein a periphery of a bottom surface of the gasket that is not for contact with the liquid is formed into a tapered slant, and wherein only the peripheral side surface that contacts the inner surface of the syringe barrel is laminated with silicon.

Independent claim 33, as amended, is patentable over the cited references. Trull does not teach gasket lubrication. Sudo does not teach selective lamination of a gasket. Nor does Vacca. None of the cited reference addresses the relationship between the diameters of the gasket and a restriction portion. For at least the reasons discussed above, the references of record do not teach or suggest applying silicon to a gasket having a restriction as recited in amended claim 33.

#### V. Dependent Claims

Dependent claims 3, 6-8, 10-22, 24-32 and 34-40 are patentable with the independent claims set forth above. Those dependent claims recite additional features that further distinguish the invention.